

are the symptoms, which mark the stage when the effects of a slow poison becomes fully patent after the necessary period of incubation. 'One kind of slow-poison produces insanity, another brings on tympanites, a third begets seminal disorders (losses), a fourth engenders indistinctness of speech, a fifth brings on cutaneous affection?., a sixth brings on carbuncles and erysipelas, and so on. A residence in a swampy, or in a marshy country, cloudy days, ingestion of preparations of barley corn, and day-sleep are the factors, which tend to rouse up the latent action of a slow poison. Cases of slow-poisoning of recent origin and occurring in ungreedy and judicious persons are curable, such cases of nearly a year's standing can only be suppressed, while those occurring in persons of immoderate habits are incurable.

Wicked women, with a view to enthrall their lovers or

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husbands, mix the dirty rubbings of their bodies, or catamenial blood, or such like poisonous organic refuges with their food and drink, or men's enemies administer some sorts of slow poison through these vehicles out of a spirit of retaliation with the effect that the lovers or enemies to whom they are administered become afflicted with jaundice, emaciation, impaired digestion, dropsical swelling of the extremities, tympanites, ascites, diarrhoea, pthrosis, consumption, fever or intestinal glands.

Once on a time king Vishv&mitra went to the hermitage of the holy Vashishta and attempted to forcibly

drag away his  
cow (Kdma dhenu). The beads of perspiration,  
which the  
wrath of that insulted sage engendered on his '  
forehead,  
dropped on the bundles of cut grass (Lunas)  
stacked near  
at hand, arid, behold, they were transformed into  
hosts of  
venomous Spiders, called Lutis. Lut& (spiders)  
are so called  
from the fact of their originating from the drops  
of wrathful  
perspiration of the holy Vashistha which fell upon  
the ^mnxfles  
of cut grass (Luna's. There are sixteen  
different specie\*  
of spiders, of which the bites by Saororaite